



February 1, 2001

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Re: Tax Abatement Amendment

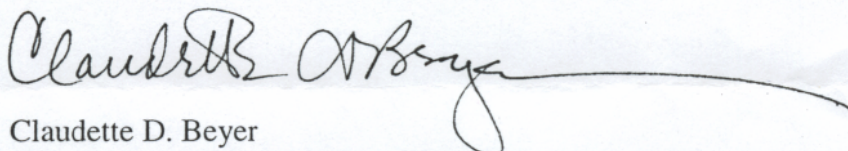
Dear Mr. Malaise:

I am writing to request an amendment to our tax abatement agreement with the City of College Station and Brazos County. The current agreement states that we must spend \$2.2 million dollars by March 1, 2001.

Due to the inclement weather and subsequent construction delays that we have experienced this winter, we are unable to meet that deadline. We respectfully request an extension to April 15, 2001. We feel confident that this date will allow us sufficient time to complete our building and meet the monetary requirements of our agreement.

Please contact Jo Ann Cole or me if you have any questions. We appreciate your consideration and assistance with this matter.

Sincere regards,



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President and Chief Executive Officer

c: Kim Foutz, Director, Department of Economic Development, City of College Station
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